

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Was not this scheme of Ayurvedic Hospitals accepted long long ago?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): What is the Budget surplus next year?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It will be known soon when the Budget is presented.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): When the Budget is framed, could not this three or four thousand rupees be found, for a useful purpose?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): That is a problematical question. There may be other commitments, and obligations on the part of Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister has been good enough to urge on Government the necessity for this?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This came to my notice only very recently. A deputation waited upon me. I said that I would certainly consider the various aspects, and we are considering that. It was rather too late, and I could not move in the matter this year.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY DUES—RECOVERY OF—GOVERNMENT ORDERS REGARDING

8. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House Government Proceedings, dated 22nd September 1939, D. Dis. 1094/15, Development Department, regarding recovery of dues to Co-operative Societies from Government employees;

(b) on what basis was that order passed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. A copy is placed on the Council Table.

(b) On the basis of a report from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Sir, the order in question enables a creditor Society to take from the pay of an officer drawing only Rs. 20 and below a sum of Rs. 5. According to the Civil Procedure Code such persons are exempted from

attachment. May I know whether this order will go against the spirit of the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is by a mutual understanding. When they take the loan, they give an undertaking that the Head of the Department may capture from their pay at that rate. Therefore, we are only helping them in returning the amount. Otherwise, the Co-operative Societies cannot work, and these people will be largely in arrears.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN MUNICIPALITIES— WORKING OF

9. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House copy of Government Proceedings D. Dis. 26020/15, dated 31st May 1941 regarding the defects in the working of the Public Health Department in Municipalities; what has been proposed or done to cure the defects referred to in the Government Proceedings?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): A copy of the Government Proceedings is placed on the Council Table.

No defects have been referred to in the Government Proceedings.

EXPENDITURE—DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

10. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the expenses incurred by the Government in the first 10 months of 1116 under the following heads from the allotment made for the Department of Archaeology.—

(i) purchase of photographic materials;

(ii) blocks for photoprints;

(b) how was the lump provision for archaeological works spent in 1116; for what purpose;

(c) under whose supervision was the expenses referred to in (b) incurred?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) Rs. 7—12—0.

(ii) Nil.

(b) Out of the lump provision of Rs. 500, only Rs. 66 has been spent for the excavation of the Kizhtali temple compound.